## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

**1. (currently amended):** A liquid medicament for preparing injection, comprising a micelle water dispersion liquid of

(a) (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof and

(b) about 1 to about 5 equivalents of a basic metal ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof,

wherein the basic metal ion is supplied by at least one selected from a metal salt of phosphoric acid~~, a metal salt of carbonic acid and a metal salt of sulfurous acid~~, and optionally a metal hydroxide;

and wherein the mediacament has a pH of about 8.4 to about 9.0.

**2.-6. (canceled).**

**7. (currently amended):** The medicament according to claim 1, wherein the basic metal ion is supplied by at least one selected from trisodium phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, and sodium dihydrogen phosphate~~, sodium carbonate, sodium hydrogen carbonate, sodium sulfite, sodium hydrogen sulfite, tripotassium phosphate, dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, potassium carbonate, potassium hydrogen carbonate, potassium sulfite and potassium hydrogen sulfite~~, and optionally sodium hydroxide ~~and/or potassium hydroxide~~.

**8. (original):** The medicament according to claim 7, wherein the source of the basic metal ion is (1) trisodium phosphate, (2) disodium hydrogen phosphate and sodium hydroxide, or (3) sodium dihydrogen phosphate and sodium hydroxide.

**9.-11. (canceled):**

**12. (currently amended):** The medicament according to claim 1, wherein the salt of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid is a sodium salt ~~or a basic natural amino acid salt~~.

**13. (currently amended):** The medicament according to claim 1, which comprises about ~~2.5~~25 to about 100 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof per mL.

**14. (original):** The medicament according to claim 1, which is filled in a plastic container, a glass container of which inner surface is coated with silicone, or a glass container of which inner surface is surface-treated with silicon dioxide.

**15. (canceled)**

**16. (currently amended):** ~~A~~The medicament according to claim 1, which ~~having~~ has improved solubility in an infusion~~, which is prepared by using (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid and about 1 to about 5 equivalents of a basic metal ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid~~.

**17. (canceled).**

**18. (withdrawn):** A process for producing a medicament comprising (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof and a basic metal ion, which comprises dissolving (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof, one or at least two selected from a metal salt of phosphoric acid, a metal salt of carbonic acid and a metal salt of sulfurous acid, and optionally metal hydroxide in water to thereby prepare a solution comprising about 2.5 to about 100 mg/mL of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid or a salt thereof and having a pH of about 8.4 to about 9.0; and filling

the solution into a plastic container or a glass container of which inner surface is surface-treated with silicon dioxide, followed by high pressure steam sterilization.

**19. (withdrawn):** A method for using a basic metal ion, which comprises preparing about 1 to about 5 equivalents of the source of the basic metal ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid and water as a solvent; and mixing (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid with water in the presence of the basic metal ion to thereby dissolve (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid in water.

**20 - 26. (canceled).**

**27. (currently amended):** The medicament according to claim ~~26~~8, wherein the source of the basic metal ion is disodium hydrogen phosphate and sodium hydroxide.

**28. (currently amended)**: The medicament according to claim 27, which comprises, per mL, about 50 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid, about 80 mg of disodium hydrogen phosphate·dodecahydrate and sodium hydroxide~~; and has a pH of about 8.4 to about 9.0~~.

**29. (withdrawn):** A container made of plastics, which is filled with 4 mL, 8 mL or 20 mL of the medicament according to claim 28.

**30. (withdrawn):** The container according to claim 29, which is an ampoule made of polyethylene or polypropylene, or a syringe made of cyclic polyolefin.

**31. (withdrawn):** A method for preventing and/or treating neurodegenerative diseases, nerve disorders or diseases in need of nerve regeneration, which comprises administering an effective amount of the medicament according to claim 1 to a mammal.

**32. (canceled).**

**33. (currently amended):** A medicament comprising about 25 mg to about 100 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid per mL and about 1 to about 5 equivalents of a basic sodium ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid, wherein the basic metal ion is supplied by disodium hydrogen phosphate and sodium hydroxide; and wherein the mediacament has a pH of about 8.4 to about 9.0.

**34. (original):** The medicament according to claim 33, which is filled in an ampoule made of polyethylene or polypropylene, or in a syringe made of cyclic polyolefin.

**35. (currently amended):** A liquid medicament for preparing injection, comprising a micelle water dispersion liquid of

(a) about ~~2.5~~25 to about 100 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid per mL and

(b) about 1 to about 5 equivalents of a basic sodium ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid,

wherein the basic metal ion is supplied by disodium hydrogen phosphate and sodium hydroxide; and wherein the medicament has a pH of about 8.4 to about 9.0.

**36. (currently amended):** A liquid medicament for preparing injection suitable for preparing aqueous injectable solution without clouding, comprising a micelle water dispersion liquid of

(a) about ~~2.5~~25 to about 100 mg of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid per mL and

(b) about 1 to about 5 equivalents of a basic sodium ion based on 1 equivalent of (2R)-2-propyloctanoic acid,

wherein the basic metal ion is supplied by disodium hydrogen phosphate and sodium hydroxide; and wherein the mediacament has a pH of about 8.4 to about 9.0.